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In re application of:

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For: SHOCK ABSORBER

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. German Patent Publication No. DE 3711692 published in Germany on October 27, 1988; and

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-158312 published in Japan on June 12, 2001.

Prior art A-B are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Additionally, an English language abstract is attached to prior art B. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art is omitted herein.

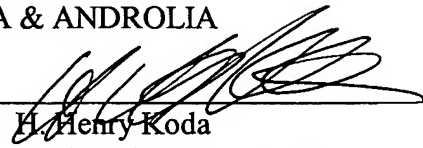
It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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